## House Resolution No. 168

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are exceedingly proud to recognize those outstanding men and women who risk their lives each day while protecting those they have pledged to serve; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Richard Pallarito, an esteemed resident of Eureka, Missouri, whose achievements as a firefighter paramedic have earned him the prestigious Eureka Fire Protection District Fully Involved Award; and

Whereas, Richard Pallarito has compiled an enviable list of service to the Eureka Fire Protection District Committee, the Back Draft Rodeo Team, and the MOTF-1 USAR, which responded to the September 11 tragedies and bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City; and

Whereas, Richard Pallarito has distinguished himself as a leader in his profession through the important roles he has played as an inspector of the Eureka Fire Protection District, participant in the FDIC in Indianapolis, Indiana, and instructor for special rescue training in southern Stone County; and

Whereas, a certified firefighter and licensed paramedic who holds the record for most training hours for 2001 (472.5), Richard Pallarito was instrumental in live practical training coordination for National Fire Protection association's 1403 and 1670; and

Whereas, Richard Pallarito has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Colleen, and his three children, Brandon, Danielle, and Erica; and

Whereas, Richard Pallarito has touched the lives of countless individuals through timeless commitment to duty and never-ending compassion for his fellow man:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Richard Pallarito at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to protect the lives of all St. Louis County residents; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Fully Involved Award recipient, Richard Pallarito.

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 168, adopted February 5, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker